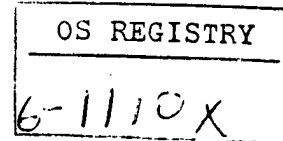


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Dear Lou:

Increasingly I am becoming concerned about the lack of substantive action being taken by the Overseas Security Policy Group in addressing its goals and objectives. Two OSPG meetings have been held since my July 29 memorandum to the Group proposing action on those objectives and suggesting additional initiatives, yet no significant discussion, vote, or resolution on the issue has taken place. Indeed, despite the increase in international terrorism and our mutual concern for security of member agency employees abroad, the Group appears to be less active now than ever. A look at the activities of the last two meetings, which primarily entailed presentations on a hostage debriefing and Interpol, respectively, occupying the bulk of time allotted for the meetings, amply demonstrates why I am concerned.

OSPG has serious work to undertake. The group should reexamine the usefulness of continuing to invite guest speakers to every meeting. The time they consume might be better spent concentrating on pending substantive issues. Roger Robinson indicated at the September 4 meeting that another representative from Interpol was slated to be guest speaker at the October meeting. I feel that Group members desirous of more information about Interpol could independently arrange an additional briefing, and that the Group should address pending issues at the October meeting.

I look forward to hearing your views and those of other members at the October 16 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bern".

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